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Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 4:40 PM
To:
Subject: Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman Teleconference Series: Consular Returns

Dear Stakeholder,

Please join the Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman for a teleconference focused on “consular returns.”

The term “consular return” is used to describe the process whereby an immigrant or non-immigrant visa petition approved by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is returned by the Department of State (DOS) following review and consideration of the consular visa application. In these circumstances, the beneficiary is informed that the visa is being refused, and the petition is being returned to USCIS for further processing, which may result in revocation of the petition approval. What happens next is often a mystery.

The purpose of this teleconference is to demystify consular returns, to learn from DOS how it processes these returns, and to explore how USCIS manages the consular return process once it receives the returned petition from DOS. Officials from both DOS and USCIS have been invited to join this teleconference in what we hope will be a lively discussion and shed light on this important subject.

Teleconference participants will have the opportunity to pose questions to government representatives during the Q&A portion of the teleconference.

When: Wednesday, October 28, 2015

1 - 2 PM Eastern Time

Please RSVP with “Consular Returns” in the subject line by Monday October 26, 2015 to CISOmbudsman.PublicAffairs@hq.dhs.gov. Teleconference call-in information will be provided upon RSVP.

Sincerely,

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